

## Appleby Archaeology Group

Notes of The Annual General Meeting of the Appleby Archaeology Group which took place on Tuesday January 10th 2006 in the Supper Room, Market Hall, Appleby at 7pm.

Present

Committee members

Harry Hawkins	Chairman
Mike Godfrey	Treasurer
Phyllis Rouston	Secretary
Martin Joyce	Publicity Officer
Martin Railton	Newsletter Editor
Trish Crompton	

Members of the group 18

Apologies for Absence Richard Stevens Vice Chairman.

### Notes of the last AGM 8/02/05

The notes had been circulated to all members with the autumn Newsletter. Those present agreed that they were a correct record.

### 1/2006 Matters arising from the notes

There were no matters arising.

### 2/2006 Chairman's report

The highlight of the year had been the conference in September *Romans in Eden*. This had been well received and those involved felt it had been a success and were encouraged by the comments they had received. The committee hope to organise a second conference in 2007 with a Prehistoric theme. The chairman thanked everyone who had been involved.

He mentioned that the summer events tended to be poorly supported but that those who did take part did so enthusiastically. He asked again that the membership let the committee know of any projects, visits or walks that they would like to do.

### 3/2006 Secretary's Report

The secretary outlined the year's activities. The committee had met quarterly and had welcomed Mike Godfrey to the committee in May when he had taken up the role of Treasurer. This year Liz Hawkins agreed to act as membership secretary but not as a committee member. She was thanked for her work and for keeping the committee up to date on Membership issues.

There had been had been five talks covering a number of topics ranging from the wonders of Rock Art to the role of the Finds Liaison Officer. There were two guided walks during the summer and one day visit to the north east to look at Stanwick earth works and the Thornborough Henges.

The secretary thanked the local press and the Newsletter editors for publishing reports and notices of the groups activities thus keeping both members and the public informed.

### 4/2006 Treasurer's Report

Copies of the Financial Report for the year 2005 were tabled. The audited report is available for inspection.

The opening balance for 2005 was £429.63 The closing balance was £947.30 .

The report was proposed by Trish Crompton seconded by Nic Bisset and was approved by the meeting.

#### **5/2006 Election of Officers**

The chairman said that his term of office ended in January 2007 and not as previously stated 2006 and that the committee is seeking another member to join them. Nic (Nicola) Bisset was nominated. She accepted the nomination and this was approved by the members.

Office bearers: Richard Stevens, vice chairman, had advised the committee that he would not be available in the early part of 2006 but would be happy to continue in his role if this was acceptable to the committee and membership. This was approved. The other officers were prepared to take office for 2006 and this was approved by the meeting.

The chairman advised the membership that the Newsletter Editor was seeking help with publishing the Newsletter and asked that anyone interested should let him or a member of the committee know of their interest. Martin Railton has produced the Newsletter since he founded the group in 1998.

#### **6/2006 Archaeology Web Site**

After the September conference some approaches had been made regarding setting up a website. This is something that the committee would like to develop and they would be pleased to hear from any members of group who would be interested in this venture.

#### **7/2006 Any Other Business**

The chairman informed the meeting of two future projects

##### **1. Possible community based project at Skirwith/Blencarn**

Several members had attended the recent Lake District Conference and become aware of funding for local heritage community projects. Chris Lyons, a group member, had followed this up and received details of the funding available. This had been discussed at the December committee meeting when it was felt that the field work at Kirkland could be part of such a project. Appleby Archaeology would support such a project but would confine its input to archaeology and not become involved in other aspects such as social history or be prepared to run the project.

##### **2. Eden Project, Penrith Museum**

There had been a report on this in the local press. Martin Railton will represent Appleby Archaeology on the planning committee, but as he was unable to attend the first meeting of the committee. Harry Hawkins had attended on his behalf. The project is likely to focus on the vicinity of Long Meg and field walking will be one of the activities. Anyone who is interested in field walking should let Martin Railton know.

The membership will be kept informed of developments through the Newsletter.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 7.35pm

PHR January 11th 2006